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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In column 7 line 9 (the fourth clause in independent claim 1), remove "the". The claim should read:

A data sort method, comprising:

obtaining a plurality of data records and, for each data record

extracting key information,

expanding the extracted key information, and

storing the expanded key information in a key record, wherein the expanded key information is not stored in intermediate storage;
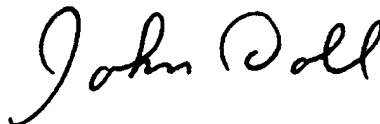
sorting the plurality of key records based on the expanded key information;

reorganizing the plurality of data records to correspond to the order of the sorted plurality of key records; and

storing the reorganized plurality of data records without their associated expanded key information to a working storage.

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